

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the attached corrected formal drawing Figure 4 for the original version of Figure 4 presently in the subject application.

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed November 3, 2004, and is being submitted prior to payment of the issue fee in the subject application.

The Drawings have been amended by substituting the attached corrected formal drawing Figure 4 for the original version of Figure 4 presently in the subject application. The attached corrected formal drawing Figure 4 contains labels identifying the boxes therein, as required by the Examiner at page 3 of the Examiner's Notice of Allowability that accompanied the Notice of Allowance.

It is noted that the Examiner has made final the Examiner's requirement for restriction, and has cancelled non-elected claims 39-40. Applicants hereby notify the Examiner that Applicants intend to file a divisional application directed to these non-elected claims.

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has indicated that the Examiner has not considered the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed May 27, 2005 and August 23, 2004, for the reason that they do not include a concise explanation of the relevance of any non-English language documents contained therein. In response, it is noted that the non-English language document, A. Tischenko, "Zero-Channel RAID. The Economic Approach," Computer Review Online!, 30 January 2002, submitted in the IDS, is considered relevant from at least the point of the view of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, at least in part, because it was cited at page 2 of the PCT Search Report submitted in the IDS, and particular relevance of said document, at least from the perspective of the PCT Examiner, is described, at least in part, in the PCT Search Report. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the IDS, including all of the documents cited therein, should be considered and made of record by the Examiner.

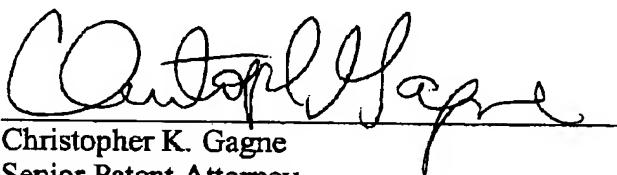
It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment should be entered since it is being submitted prior to payment of the issue fee, and overcomes objections whose correction was required by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability.

In the event that the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in the further disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 480 715 4055.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges occasioned by this submission to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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